

Application No.: 09/606,734
Response dated August 18, 2003
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The title has been changed in accordance with the suggestion of the Examiner.

Claims 15,23,24,25, 26 have been amended to remove the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a transmittal letter along with copies of two Petitions to Correct Inventorship under 1.48(a), consented to by the Assignee as indicated by the enclosed copy of the Officer Declaration. Also filed herewith is a copy of a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by the proper inventors.

Also enclosed herewith is a Letter advising that Patent Application Serial No. 09/606,734 filed June 29, 2000, and U.S. Patent No. 6,061,274 issued May 9, 2000 were, at the time of the invention of Application Serial No. 09/606,734 was made, owned by EMC Corporation.

The specification has been amended to point out that: This is a divisional application of Patent Application Serial No. 09/540,828 filed March 31, 2000, which is a continuation in part of Patent Application Serial No. 09/224,701 filed January 4, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,061,274 issued May 9, 2000.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that U.S. Patent No. 6,061,274 is not prior art against the subject patent application under the provisions of 35 U.S.C.

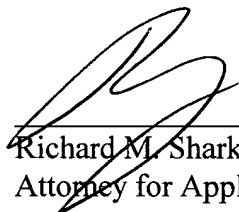
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